

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 131

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Larry Dean Shoun of Butler.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Larry Dean Shoun; and

WHEREAS, Larry Shoun was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on July 16, 1949, in Mountain City, Mr. Shoun graduated from Hampton High School in 1967; his successful high school football career led him to a scholarship at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shoun later attended the Lumber Grader Certification Program at the National Hardwood Lumber Association, and he went on to serve as the third-generation owner and operator of Shoun Lumber; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to serving his community, Mr. Shoun was a member of the Butler Ruritan Club, where he served as president; he enjoyed delivering hams to his friends, neighbors, and customers during the Christmas season; and he supported local school athletic programs and community organizations in Johnson and Carter counties; and

WHEREAS, Larry Shoun was an active and devout member of Cobbs Creek Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shoun was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Larry Shoun enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-three years, Deana Grindstaff Shoun; he was the proud father of John Burleson, Jill Shoun Hughes,

Katie Shoun Harrell, and Kelly Shoun and the devoted grandfather of Conor Burleson, Carson Burleson, Chamis Harrell, Landry Hughes, and Laynee Hughes; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his mother, Irene Laws Shoun; his sister, Linda Shoun Grindstaff; his adopted family Rico and Hortencia Buenfil; his brother-in-law, Jerry Grindstaff; his special friend, Bill Shoun; his nieces and nephews; and his dogs, Booger and Chewy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shoun was preceded in death by his father, George C. Shoun; and

WHEREAS, Larry Shoun leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Larry Dean Shoun, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Shoun.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.